This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1) (Currently Amended) A method for coloring a fertilizer comprising the steps of producing a pigment oil preparation consisting of ~~comprising~~
5 to 60% by weight of at least one organic pigment selected from the group consisting of monoazo pigments, diazo pigments, diazo condensation pigments, laked azo pigments, triphenylmethane pigments, thio indigo pigments, thiazine-indigo pigments, perylene pigments, perinone pigments, anthanthrone pigments, diketopyrrolopyrrole pigments, dioxazine pigments, quinacridone pigments, phthalocyanine pigments, isoindolinone pigments, isoindoline pigments, benzimidazolone pigments, naphthol pigments, quinophthalone pigments, furnace blacks and gas blacks,
40 to 95% by weight of a paraffin oil or vegetable oil or a mixture thereof,
0 to 10% by weight of a dispersant or dispersant mixture and
0 to 5% by weight of at least one conventional additive,
in each case based on the total weight of the pigment preparation, and applying the pigment preparation to the fertilizer to be colored.

2) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pigment oil preparation ~~comprises~~ consists of 5 to 40% by weight of at least one organic pigment and 60 to 95% by weight of a paraffin oil [[and/or]] or vegetable oil or a mixture thereof.

3) (Canceled)

4) (Canceled)

5) (Canceled)

6) (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fertilizer is a synthetic inorganic fertilizer selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, phosphate, potassium, calcium and magnesium fertilizers.

7) (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in at claim1, wherein the at least one conventional additive is selected from the group consisting of a suspension agent, anticaking agent, wetting agent, preservative, viscosity stabilizer and additive for influencing the rheology.

8) (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in at claim 1, wherein the organic pigment is in the form of a powder or granular material, and the producing step further comprises dispersing the organic pigment in the presence of the paraffin oil and/or vegetable oil and optionally of the dispersant or dispersant mixture and/or of the at least one conventional additive.



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9) (Previously Presented) The method as claimed claim 1, wherein the applying step further comprises applying the fertilizer in an amount of 0.00001 to 0.10% by weight, based on the weight of the fertilizer to be colored.

10) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the applying step further comprises spraying the pigment oil preparation onto the surface of the fertilizer.

11) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of diluting the pigment oil preparation with paraffin oil or vegetable oil or mixture thereof before applying the pigment preparation to the fertilizer.

12) (Previously Presented) A colored fertilizer made in accordance with the method of claim 1.

13) (Previously Presented) A colored fertilizer made in accordance with the method of claim 11.



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